

What Shall Our Answers Be

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When we in the judgment stand,
In that mighty company,
And the Judge shall question us,
Oh, what shall our answers be?
What for every trifling thought,
And each idle word we say?
What for every sinful act
We may do from day to day?

Refrain

When that awful day we see,
Oh, what shall our answers be?
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When the Lord has gathered there,
From the land and from the sea,
All the families of men,
Oh, what shall our answers be?
What for all our want of faith,
What for all our lack of love?
Can we hope a crown to gain,
And a mansion bright above?

Refrain

Lord, it is a solemn thought,
That we must account to Thee!
In that great and awful day,
What shall our poor answers be?
Oh, prepare us, Lord, we pray,
In Thy presence there to stand!
Purge us from each sinful blot;
Place us, Lord, on Thy right hand!

Refrain